

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO  
June 24, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Artesia, New Mexico met in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in regular session with Mayor Phillip Burch presiding, and the following present to wit:

Jose Luis Aguilar	Raul Rodriguez
Kent Bratcher	Bill Rogers
Terry Hill	Jeff Youtsey
Manuel Madrid Jr.	

The following were absent:  
Nora Sanchez

Also present:  
Aubrey Hobson, City Clerk-Treasurer  
Jay Francis, Representing the City Attorney

It was determined that a quorum was present. The invocation was given by Councilor Rodriguez, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

Councilor Rodriguez moved to approve the Consent Agenda . The motion was seconded by Councilor Madrid and upon vote, the motion passed.

The Consent Agenda includes:

1. Approval of Minutes: \*June 10, 2014 – Regular meeting
2. Consideration of Bids:
3. Contracts, Leases and Agreements:
  - A. \*Approval of Airport Rental Contract with John C. Huber
  - B. \*Approval of Warranty Deed to First American Bank
  - C. \*Approval of MOA with Eddy County for the Comprehensive Community DWI Prevention Program
  - D. \*Approval of MOU with ATF
4. Appointments:
5. Resignations:
6. Dates of Hearing:
  - A. Permission to set a public hearing for July 8, 2014 for a zoning variance for lot size requirements to set a manufactured home, zones R2, Roselawn Block 4, Lot 1, W255', N25' to POB; N75', W65', E65' to POB, Sec.17R, R26E
7. \*Travel and Training:
  - A. Commission on Aging – Permission for two (2) employees to attend the NM Conference on Aging in Albuquerque, NM. Request actual expenses
  - B. Planning – Ratification of Mayor Burch's approval for one (1) employee to attend the NM Adoption of 2014 NEC training in Albuquerque, NM. Request actual expenses
  - C. Planning – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the International Code Council exams in Lubbock, TX. Request actual expenses
  - D. F&A – Permission for one (1) employee to attend the NMML Annual conference in Albuquerque, NM. Request actual expenses

- E. Executive & Legislative – Permission to attend the NMML Annual conference in Albuquerque, NM. Request actual expenses and mileage
  - F. Planning – Ratification of Mayor Burch's approval for one (1) employee to attend the Building Inspectors meeting in Ruidoso, NM. No costs
  - G. Fire – Permission for one (1) employee to attend Command and Control of Fire Department Operations at Natural and Manmade Disasters in Emmitsburg, MD. Request actual expenses
8. Use of Facilities (*approval contingent upon receipt of all applicable fees, license(s) and dept approvals*):
- A. JS Ward & Son and Santo Petroleum have requested the closure of South Street between Main St. and the alley on Thursday, July 3, 2014 from 7:00 am – 2:30 pm for a company BBQ.
9. Routine Requests for City Facilities
- 10 Budgeted Items:
11. Non-budgeted Items:
12. Payment of Bills

### **Public Hearings**

Councilor Rogers moved that the consideration of Item 6. A, Consideration and approval of an ordinance approving the sale of real property with a value of over \$25,000, be postponed until the July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Hill and after vote, the motion passed.

### **Period for Hearing Visitors**

Mayor Burch welcomed a group from ICE and FLETC to discuss the recent developments pertaining to housing adults with children illegal immigrants at the FLETC compound in Artesia. Connie Patrick, Director of FLETC from Glynco, GA and Tim Robbins, Deputy Director of the Enforcement Removal Team from Washington DC addressed the situation and answered questions posed by the Councilors. Mayor Burch stated in the meetings he had attended, he had expressed concerns similar to the concerns expressed by the Councilors and after meeting with the agencies involved, he felt that they were experienced and professional and the City should support them in their endeavors to carry on and complete this project.

### **Comments from Public Officials and Contracted Services**

Nancy Husselman representing the Drug and Crime Coalition presented a short report and introduced Sarah Mitchell who had been rehired by the Coalition.

### **Personnel**

Councilor Rogers, upon recommendation of the Mayor, and subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing, moved to hire Robert Monday to the position of Equipment Operator II, at a salary of \$2141 per month (CA 16). The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Bratcher, upon recommendation of the Mayor, and subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing, moved to hire Elsa Munoz to the position of Detention Officer, at a salary of \$2141 per month (CA 16). The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.

Councilor Rodriguez, upon recommendation of the Mayor, and subject to successful completion of required pre-employment testing, moved to promote Josh Stites to the position of Fire Department Lieutenant, at a salary of \$3912 per month (CA 27). The motion was seconded by Councilor Bratcher and upon vote, the motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill made a motion to ratify of Mayor Burch's approval to hire James McGuire to the position of Community Development Director at a rate of \$6834 per month (CA58). The motion was seconded by Councilor Rodriguez and upon vote, the motion passed.

### **Public Safety**

#### **Police**

Chief Raley presented a brief report and stood for questions.

#### **Fire**

Fire Chief Hummingbird presented a brief report and stood for questions.

### **Community Development**

Ms. Cheryl Hinkle stood for questions.

### **Infrastructure**

Infrastructure Director Byron. Landfair reported on the status of projects.

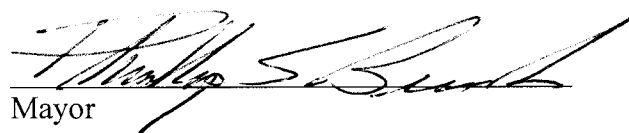
### **City Clerk**

City Clerk Aubrey Hobson presented a report on the recent appellate court decision on the City of Eunice v. State of New Mexico Taxation and Revenue. Clerk Hobson stated the decision was very advantageous to cities and that Taxation and Revenue had indicated they would appeal. The Supreme Court may, or may not, take up the case. A timeline was discussed with Mr. Francis on protecting the City's rights to recover some funds taken in September of 2013 and March of 2014. The Council decided that this should be discussed at the retreat.

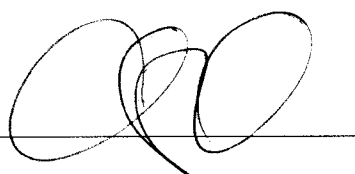
### **Mayor**

Because of the postponement of the Ordinance to sell City property, there was not a need for an executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.  
June 24, 2014.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk